







VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT **ACTION PLAN** WORKBOOK

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Volunteers - Karting's Heroes















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Keeping It Simple

Our sport is thriving at the moment in all areas bar one – we have a shortage of Volunteers – On Track as Race Officials and Off Track as Club Volunteers. Our dedicated volunteers, bring excitement, integrity, and safety for local races to the Australian Kart Championship. They're the backbone, shaping future motorsport champions and crafting unforgettable experiences and fun for young and old alike.

However, we're at a crossroads. Modern life, coupled with the challenges of COVID-19, has intensified our volunteer shortage, risking burnout and high turnover. This could jeopardise karting's future.

At Karting Australia, we view these challenges as opportunities. Our goal is to elevate karting participation and diversify experiences for all drivers. To succeed, we need a robust, innovative volunteer strategy both on and off the track.

Accordingly, we introduce to you our Volunteer Management Framework, this Volunteer Management Action Plan (V-MAP) Workbook and our Customisable Club and State Association Volunteer Management Plans and a suite of additional resources. These are not just documents but a commitment to empower our volunteers, ensuring a vibrant future for our sport. Together, we can adapt, innovate, and drive karting to new heights.

Kelvin O'Reilly Chief Executive Officer Karting Australia

7 STEPS TO DESIGNING YOUR CLUB'S V-MAP

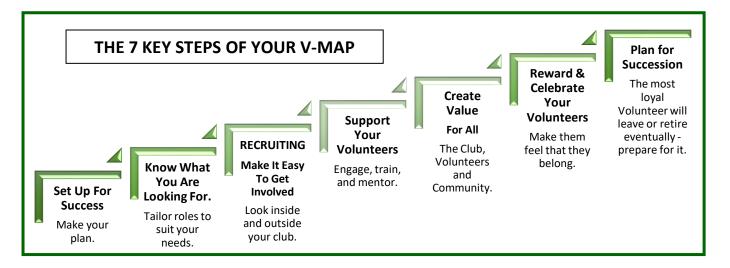
Our plan for managing volunteers helps Karting Clubs set clear goals and ways to improve how we get and keep volunteers. It's very important to care for, recognise, and reward our volunteers to keep our club going. Making and carrying out this plan, and finding someone to manage the volunteers, needs to be a team effort with people from all over our Club working together. The main goal of the plan is to make the club run better.

We outline the important things we need to think about for managing volunteers, along with some examples of things we could do. It's a good idea to think about each area, but you don't have to do exactly what's suggested. Ideally, each Club should have someone in charge of volunteers. But we know that might not be possible for every Club. If that's the case, current Committee members can take on parts of the job.

The plan for managing volunteers is intended to do two main things: get volunteers involved and keep volunteers actively engaged and recognised by our Members.

These tasks need to work together all the time to get the best results. The success of the plan depends on the Club really wanting to make volunteering in karting a good experience. If the Club isn't excited about it, it's not fair to expect the volunteers to be either.

Lastly, there are our 7 Key Steps that come together and form our V-MAP. It outlines the steps that we as a Club need to take to give effect to our plans.





V-MAP Overview

C	Overview – The Z	7 Key Steps Of Your Volunteer Management Plan
Step 1	SET UP FOR SUCCESS:	Use the information in this Volunteer Management Framework document help you to develop a plan to recruit, empower and celebrate your volunteers. Laying a solid foundation should make it so much easier you and those who will follow in your footsteps in the months and years ahead.
Step 2	KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR: Develop Your Plan, Establish The Important Roles	 A clear Volunteer Plan lets everyone know how they can help and what they're expected to do. A well thought out plan that fits the size of your Club: Helps you manage volunteer recruitment and training. Describes club roles and what each member can offer. Ensures a friendly place for volunteers. Anticipate and addresses issues that may arise. Appreciates volunteers. Identify and understand the tasks that need to be done – On Track and Off Track. Adopt or write Position Descriptions.
Step 3	RECRUITING: Attracting Your Volunteers	Look inside and outside your Club. Ask people to help. Advertise. Selection and Screening
Step 4	SUPPORT YOUR VOLUNTEERS	Creating a great experience will help keep your volunteers coming back. Proudly teach them about your Club. Be welcoming, friendly, supportive. Induct, train and mentor your new volunteers.
Step 5	CREATE VALUE FOR ALL: Your Club, Volunteers & Community	Volunteers bring a sense of dedication, community, and selflessness to a club, bringing energy and a shared purpose. In return, a club can enrich their volunteers' experiences by providing opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and fostering a sense of belonging and achievement.
Step 6	REWARD AND CELEBRATE YOUR VOLUNTEERS	Recognising and celebrating volunteers is essential for your club. It fosters a sense of appreciation and community, motivating members to continue their valuable contributions. Appreciation and rewards come in many forms and leads to long term mutually beneficial relationships.
Step 7	PLAN FOR SUCCESSION	A club's sustainability relies on effective succession planning for its volunteers. For a club to thrive and maintain continuity, it's imperative to have succession plans in place for its volunteers.

Actions That The Club Will Consider Taking

The following seven tables contain numerous discussion points and actions that each Club should consider for inclusion in their V-MAP. Add/Change the traffic light under status as you move through the tables.

	Ste	p 1: SET UP FOR SUCCES	SS		
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1. Background &	& Importance of	Volunteering in Karting		Status	
	Understand the b Building new Becoming par Acquiring new Boosting conf Spending qua Feeling a sens Experiencing	roader benefits of volunteering bey friendships. t of a community. v skills. idence. lity time with family. se of purpose and giving back. enjoyment and fun.	ond the track.	•	
2. Framework P		unteer Management			
Develop a Plan	 Make volunte Offer a positiv Address time experiences. 	n is easy to implement and underst ering attractive. e social experience. constraints by ensuring timely volur erience rewarding. Remember: Reco	nteering	•	
Know What You're Looking For		support club needs. emove barriers to keep volunteers e	engaged.	•	
Recruiting		rocess of getting involved. unicate contact details and role des	scriptions.	•	
Support Volunteers	Schedule reg	icate volunteers. ular check-ins.		•	
Create Value		d celebrate volunteer contributions pers about the impact of volunteers ity.		•	
Foster a Sense of Belonging		teers in all activities. in regular communications, social e ctivities.	events, and	•	
3. Addressing Co	ommon Barriers	to Volunteering			
Time Constraints	Facilitate onliPromote role	sks or one-time activities. ne tasks. -sharing among friends. t-term projects with clear end dates	S.	•	
Lack of Direct Invitation	 Directly ask p Encourage clu Clearly define Understand r volunteering 	otential volunteers. ub leaders to personally invite other required help. notivations for joining the club and opportunities.	rs. link them to	•	

Lack of Awareness	 Regularly communicate available roles. Utilise newsletters, social media, and websites for promotion. Engage club leaders in identifying potential volunteers. Offer flexibility in role scheduling. 	•
Feeling Unskilled	 Clearly define roles without jargon or acronyms. Offer support or assign a buddy for guidance. Regularly check in and offer assistance. Start with simple tasks. 	•
Lack of Confidence	 Implement a buddy system. Begin with easy tasks. Provide necessary training and support. Encourage group participation. 	•
4. Appointing a	Volunteer Coordinator (For Medium and Large Clubs)	
Role & Responsibilities	 Act as a bridge between the committee and volunteers. Understand volunteer needs. Determine the number of required Race Officials/Club volunteers. Match Race Officials/volunteers with suitable roles. Recognise and reward Race Officials/volunteers. Collaborate with the committee for future Race Officials/volunteer needs. 	•
Position in the Committee	 Can be a standalone role or part of another role. Larger clubs should consider a dedicated coordinator. 	•
Selection Criteria	 Choose someone who is friendly, communicative, organised, people- oriented, and problem-solving. 	•
Support for the Coordinator	 Allocate a budget for volunteer activities. Discuss volunteers in every committee meeting. Schedule sessions to review the volunteer process. Provide necessary tools like communication apps and scheduling information. 	•
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Step 2	2: DEVELOP	YOUR PLAN - Know Wha	t You're Lo	oking For		
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1. Introduction	1			STATUS		
Purpose of the Plan		nteer Plan lets everyone know how ey're expected to do.	they can help			
Benefits of Volunteering		nds, joining a community, lea and giving back.	rning, feeling			
Importance of Club Culture		lub is welcoming, represents the loc	al community,			
2. Plan Section						
Tasks and Roles	Define speci	ic tasks and roles for volunteers. nsibilities and set expectations.				
Event Schedules	Assign roles	n and where events will take place. for each event.				
Position Details	List required	h volunteer position in detail. skills or experience.				
Welcome Processes	• Ensure they	cess to welcome new volunteers. are introduced to the club and its me	embers.			
Guidelines and Rules for Volunteers	responsibilit	Set clear guidelines and rules for behaviour and responsibilities.				
Member Skills and Reasons for Joining	Document th	e skills and expertise of each memb their motivations for joining and volu	er.			
Ways to Thank Volunteers		itegies to show appreciation. ents, awards, or other tokens of grat	itude.			
Plans for Future Roles		iture needs and roles. eline for training and promoting volu	unteers.			
3. Value of You						
Promotion Feedback		ne club's value beyond just races and rs why they like helping out and use pre helpers.	-			
4. Building a W		•				
	 Organise fan Offer diverse Regularly sol Welcome ne Ensure acces 	food and drink options. icit feedback from members. w families and helpers with open arr sibility for everyone.	ns.			
5. Challenges in						
	differing opi	otential challenges such as resistance nions, and complacency. tegies to address and overcome thes				
6. Steps to Crea	1					
Find Key Roles	planning.	main committee and officiating role				
Note Key Skills	Document e	ssential skills or experience for key r	oles.	Page		

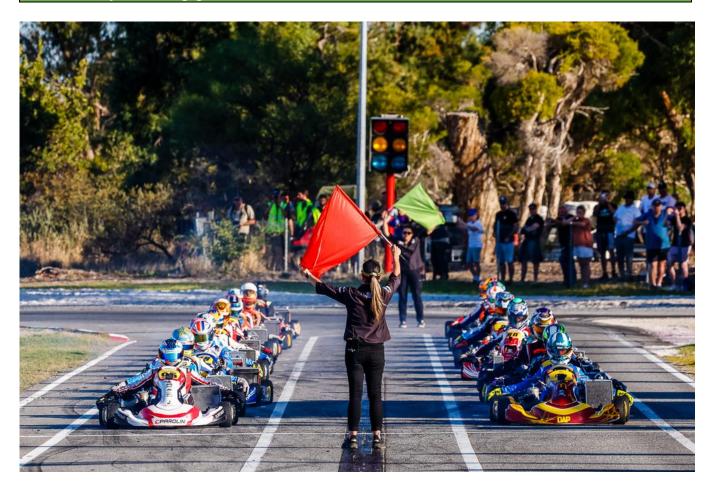
Determine Support Structures	Consider assistant roles or other support structures to back the plan.
Spot Potential Volunteers	Tap into networks to identify future volunteers.
Train and Grow	 Offer training and support to prepare potential members for their roles
7. Tips	
	 Store the plan online and ensure the Volunteer Coordinator has access. Regularly update the plan to reflect changes and new insights.
By following you	Volunteer Action Plan, your club can effectively manage and appreciate its volunteers,
ensuring a thrivin	ig and inclusive community.



Step 3: RECRUITING – ATTRACTING YOUR VOLUNTEERS					
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1. Understandi	ing Tasks & Ro	le Clarification		STATUS	
Why Break Down Roles into Tasks?	 Prevent bur Facilitate ta	nout by distributing tasks. rgeted recruitment and training. ty in roles and responsibilities.			
How to Identify Tasks:	 Collaborate Estimate tin Identify tasl 	mittee members for task listing. on tasks for roles like officials or tea ne for each task. c barriers and solutions. shared document for yearly review.	m leaders.		
2. Volunteer N	latching & Rec	ruitment			
Match Volunteers to Tasks	Use task lists	to fit volunteers' skills and interests. s to brainstorm suitable volunteers. den talents through volunteer forms			
Resources for Volunteer Engagement	Karting Aust	CK and OFF THE TRACK tables. ralia Club Toolkit.			
3. Position Des	criptions				
Importance of Position Descriptions	Clarify expect	ctations, time commitment, and supp	port.		
Before Creating a Position Description	 Evaluate role Consider fee	e feasibility. dback, role division, and flexibility.			
How to Write a Position Description:	Customise w	vided template. vith club details. I tasks and time commitment.			
4. Volunteer R	oles & Respon	sibilities			
Race Officials:	 Refer to NCF this Plan 	Rs - General Rules, Chapter 7 and Ap	pendix 1 to		
Off-Track Volunteers:		Club Toolkit for karting-specific temp	lates.		
5. Finding Volu					
Engage Existing Members	Highlight cluUtilise playe	member willingness and availability. b's appreciation for volunteers. r registration platforms for voluntee annual club survey.			
Engaging Different Member Groups	-	pers: Officiating, social media, event e-off tasks, officiating, teaming up wi			
6. Seeking New	v Volunteers				
Expand Beyond the Club:	Reflect the c	se skills and backgrounds. ommunity's diversity.			
Recruitment Strategies:	Social mediaCollaboratio	campaigns. ns with sponsors and former players			

	Engage with local institutions and community groups.
	Implement a referral program.
7. Advertising	Volunteer Roles
Creating an	Choose the right platform.
Effective	Use engaging content and visuals.
Advertisement:	Highlight role benefits and requirements.
	Understand role requirements.
Application	Promote the position widely.
Process	Use a detailed application form.
	Screen and review applications.
8. Screening Vo	olunteers
	Ensure safety and suitability.
Benefits of	Recognise applicant skills.
Screening:	Identify potential risks.
	 WWC checks are mandatory – no exceptions
	Match applicants with criteria.
Post	Conduct interviews for essential roles.
Post- Application	 Perform background checks, especially for roles involving
Steps:	children.
Steps.	Review provided references.
	Share conduct guidelines.
This Volunteer Ac	tion Plan provides a structured approach to volunteer management, ensuring that clubs

can effectively recruit, engage, and retain volunteers.



	Step 4:	SUPPORTING YOUR VOL	UNTEERS			
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1. Welcoming	Volunteers:			STATUS		
First Impressions:	 Ensure newo Recognise ar face. 	welcome to all volunteers, both new a comers feel valued and supported. Ind address any challenges or needs that	at some might			
Welcome Kit:	Ensure new	welcome to all volunteers, both new a comers feel valued and supported. Ind address any challenges or needs that				
Onboarding Process:	volunteers.Introduce neShow apprece	ppointing a Welcome Officer to wcomers to main members and lead ciation for their effort. contact details in the club's voluntee	ers.			
Flexibility and Inclusivity:	 Be flexible in roles and timing. Offer diverse food and drink options. Accommodate personal schedules. Ensure accessibility for all. Be mindful of any costs associated with volunteering. Introduce a buddy system for guidance. 					
2. Preparing Vo						
Information and Access:	 Provide an in Share passw	formation booklet about the club an ords and access to necessary softwar ; of club rules, policies, and procedure	e.			
Orientation:	 Offer a tour of the place. Hand over any essential keys. Mention any specific training or certificates required. If possible, let a previous volunteer guide them or pair them up with a buddy. 					
3. Training:						
Skill Development:	Provide goveOrganise firsConduct alco	s, Event planning and Administration ernance courses, e.g., the Directors co t aid lessons. whol service training. riting workshops.				
Budgeting:		ds for volunteer training in the yearly or courses like coaching.	v budget,			
	r that creating a	great experience will help keep your investment in the club's future.	volunteers con	ning back. Investing in		

Step 5: CREATE VALUE FOR ME, THE CLUB AND THE COMMUNITY Showcase And Celebrate Your Volunteers

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1. Keeping Vol	unteers Inform	ed		STATUS			
Why Update	Foster a sen	se of value and inclusion in decision-	making.				
Volunteers?	Notify them	Notify them about changes affecting their roles.					
	Role modific	ations.					
	Key contacts	and emergency information.					
	Policy and p	ocedure updates.					
What Should You Share?	Upcoming e	vents and significant dates.					
fou share?	Opportunitie	es for feedback.					
	Staff change	S.					
	Support avai	lable for their roles.					
	Keep message						
Communication	Utilise divers	e communication methods.					
Tips:	Incorporate	visuals for engagement.					
		der online posts as public.					
2. Valuing Feed	dback						
Importance of		volunteer experience.					
Feedback	Demonstrate	appreciation and value for their insi	ghts.				
	Opinions on	heir role.					
	Views on wo	rkload.					
	Suggestions	or betterment.					
What Feedback		r facility issues.					
to Seek?	Conflicts or c	•					
	Support requ						
	Success anec						
		re involvement.	tion hoves				
How to Get		ethods: emails, calls, surveys, sugges nal and informal approaches.	ation boxes.				
Feedback?		back for future reference.					
3. Improving t	he Volunteer Ex						
	1-	s of improvement based on feedback					
	Prioritise the	•					
	Schedule and	plan actions for changes.					
4. CLUB VOLU	NTEER GUIDELI	NES					
Club Volunteer	• Establish a p	blicy for volunteer management.					
Policy	Ensure comp	liance with legal standards and Karti	ng Australia's				
	rules.						
Club Volunteer		volunteer-incurred costs will be rein					
Policy		fice supplies, equipment, medical ex	penses,				
	travel, accom	modation, meals.					
Choosing Volunteers	Implement a	transparent selection process for cr	ucial roles.				
Volunteer							
Complaint		licy detailing complaint handling.					
Policy	 Specify the p 	rocess, steps, and responsible parties	S.				

Behaviour Rules (Codes of Conduct)	 The simplest way to proceed is to formally adopt the Karting Australia Code Of Conduct, member Protection Policy and Social Media Policies. Set clear behavioural standards for members. Include guidelines for social media conduct, interactions between Officials and Drivers, etc. 	
5. CHECKS FOR	WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND POLICE	
Working with Children Checks	 Adhere to state-specific rules for checks. Refer "Volunteer Management Framework" Page 19 Ensure job descriptions mention these checks. 	
Police Checks	 Consider checks for roles with financial responsibilities, like the club Treasurer. Inform about potential costs associated with these checks. 	

Step 6	: REWARD A	AND CELEBRATE - Make	Me Feel Lik	e I Belong	
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1. Introduction	1. Introduction				
	Emphasise opportunitie	ne importance of volunteers in Austr the benefits of volunteering: fu es for friendship, and skill acquisition ne diverse roles available, caterin d schedules.	un, rewarding, n.		
2. Appreciating	, Volunteers				
Understanding Volunteer Motivation:	what drivesCustomise a motivations.	ular feedback sessions or surveys to each volunteer. opreciation methods based on indiv			
Affordable Appre					
Public Recognition	Spotlight volNominate vol	nteers in newsletters. unteers on social media platforms. lunteers for larger, external awards			
Awards and Certificates		Volunteer of the Year' award. ficates of appreciation to deserving	volunteers.		
Financial Incentives	 Offer membership discounts to active volunteers. Provide free or discounted club clothing as a token of appreciation. Offer free meals during volunteering sessions or events. Give special discounts for activities to active volunteers. 				
Events and Gatherings	exclusively for	al annual or bi-annual 'Thank You' ex or volunteers. ular meetups or gatherings to foste ateers.			
Career and Personal Development	seeking empProvide opp	mendation letters for volunteers, es loyment or educational opportunitio ortunities for volunteers to attend w ions to enhance their skills.	es.		
3. Implementa					
	appreciationRegularly revolutionon feedbackMonitor the	icated team or individual to oversee initiatives. view and update the appreciation m and changing needs. impact of appreciation initiatives or d satisfaction.	ethods based		
4. Conclusion					
	 Australian Ka Encourage converse to consistently 		k from s are		
		as a guideline for appreciating and vs and updates will ensure its conti			

Step 7: PLAN FOR SUCCESSION		
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1. Understanding the Importa		STATUS
	e risks of not having a succession plan.	
Emphasise t	he benefits of continuity and mentorship	
Educate clu	b members about the value of passi	ing down
knowledge.		
2. Identifying Key Roles and R	-	
	t volunteer roles within the club.	
	es that are critical for the club's operatior sponsibilities and expectations for each r	
3. Developing a Pool of Poten		ole.
	embers to express interest in various role	es
_	bers with potential leadership qualities.	
	ning sessions to equip potential successo	ors with
necessary sk	lls.	
4. Implementing Mentorship	Programs	
	volunteers with potential successors.	
	ctured mentorship program with clear ob	
-	ular check-ins between mentors and men	ntees.
5. Review and Update the Su	nowledge sharing and hands-on training.	
	ual reviews of the succession plan.	
	lan based on changes in club operations	or
volunteer av		
	back from members about the effectivene	ess of the
succession p		
6. Communication and Transparency		
Communicat members.	e the importance of succession planning	to all club
	o informed about potential successors an	ud .
mentorship		
Encourage o	pen dialogue about any concerns or sugg	estions
related to su		
7. Celebrate Successes and Tr		
-	e the contributions of outgoing volunteer	
	d introduce new volunteers taking on key	
Organise events or ceremonies to mark leadership transitions. 8. Continual Learning and Improvement		
	olunteers to attend workshops or semina	rs related
to their roles		
	ack post-transition to learn and improve	the
process.		
	with best practices in volunteer manage	ement
and succession	on planning.	

By following this Volunteer Action Plan, the club can ensure a smooth transition of roles, maintain continuity, and foster a culture of mentorship and growth.

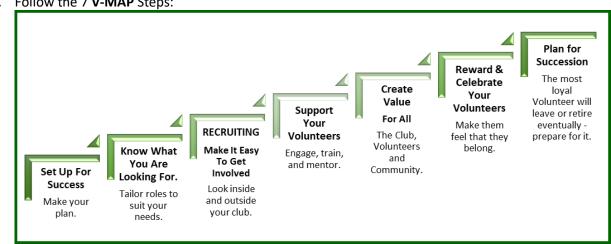
INSTRUCTIONS **DESIGNING YOUR V-MAP**

XX Delete the following Statement for your Completed Action Plan XX

Please note that this Volunteer Management Action Plan is a customisable tool for Karting Clubs and Member State Associations. Certain modifications may be needed to align the plan with the unique requirements of each Club and Association.

Follow these simple steps:

- 1. Read the Volunteer Management Framework and the preceding pages of this Workbook.
- 2. Familiarise yourself with the:
 - a. Customisable Volunteer Position Descriptions that we have prepared for you and that are available for your use on the Karting Australia website: https://www.karting.net.au/club-toolkit/volunteers
 - b. Other volunteer resources that are also in the Club Toolkit.
- 3. Start the discussion about taking up the Volunteer Challenge in your Club.
- 4. Convene a Club Executive / Committee Meeting that is devoted solely to addressing the Volunteer Challenge where you will start to formally address the issue of On-Track (Race Officials) and Off-Track Volunteering in your Club.



5. Follow the 7 V-MAP Steps:

- 6. Document your V-MAP by
 - a. Selecting your preferred V-MAP template that we have prepared and that suit the size and needs of your Club that start on page 5 of the "[Club Name] V-MAP" document; and
 - b. Adding in action points from the "7 Step V-MAP template tables" from the preceding pages.
- 7. Once you have finalised version 1 of you Club's V-MAP, put it into action. (Your V-MAP will not do you any good unless the Committee and the Volunteer Co-Ordinator (if you appoint one) put it into action.)
- 8. Volunteering MUST be maintained on every Club Executive Club Committee meeting agenda.
- 9. You should always budget for the recruitment, training, recognition and reward of your Volunteers

NOTE: The Standard Volunteer Management Plans have been provided as a guide only.

Edit them as may be necessary by referring to the "KA Volunteer Management Framework" and the 7 Steps Tables in "Volunteer Management Action Plan" workbook to reflect the requirements of your Club. Select any of the discussion/action points from the tables above and add them to the standard plan that applies to your Club.